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SUBJ: INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IN QUEBEC?

1. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE IN LE DEVOIR OF DECEMBER 21, SEVERAL MINISTERS OF PARTI QUEBECOIS WILL SOON BEGIN EFFORTS TO CONVINCE PREMIER LEVESQUE OF NEED FOR A PROVINCIAL INTELLIGENCE SERVICE. ELECTION OF PARTI QUEBECOIS, ACCORDING TO SPOKESMAN FOR INTERESTED GROUPS, HAS LED TO INCREASED INTEREST IN QUEBEC ON PART OF SEVERAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND GROUPS, AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICE IS THEREFORE NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT "NO ONE CAN MANIPULATE DECISIONS THAT NEW PQ GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE".

2. ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE, THAT IN SPITE OF INDIGNANT PROTESTS OF AMERICAN CONSULATE, CERTAIN INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES, SUCH AS CIA, HAVE INCREASED THEIR ACTIVITIES IN QUEBEC SINCE NOVEMBER 15 ELECTION.

3. COMMENT: ONLY PUBLIC STATEMENT BY EITHER CONSULATE IN QUEBEC OR MONTREAL ON SUBJECT OF CIA SINCE NOVEMBER 15 ELECTION WAS IN INTERVIEW WITH MONTREAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER WILLIAM ANTHONY CARRIED IN LE JOURNAL DE MONTREAL OF DECEMBER 6. (TRANSLATION SENT TO CPAO FORDNEY, OTTAWA, DECEMBER 6).  
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4. MENTION OF INCREASED ACTIVITIES BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS MAY REFLECT ALLEGED MONTREAL TELEVISION STATEMENT BY NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPONDENT HENRY GINIGER TO EFFECT THAT CIA WILL INCREASE ITS INTEREST IN QUEBEC FOLLOWING PQ VICTORY, AND RECENT TV PROGRAM ON SUBJECT OF ACTIVITIES BY "FRENCH AGENTS" IN QUEBEC.

(QUEBEC 385, PARIS 37006) COMMENT ON INCREASED ACTIVITIES OF FOREIGN GROUPS ALSO BRINGS TO MIND COMMENTS MADE TO CG BY FRENCH ICAO REPRESENTATIVE REPORTED IN MONTREAL 1984.

5. WE SUSPECT THAT REPORTS THAT PQ GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS OWN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WILL INTENSIFY ANXIETIES OF IMMIGRANTS AND ANGLOPHONES, MANY OF WHOM ARE ALREADY INCLINED TO SEE RACIST TENDENCIES IN NEW GOVERNMENT. IN THIS CONNECTION, PROMINENT MONTREAL BUSINESSMAN OF AUSTRIAN ORIGIN TOLD CONSULATE OFFICER THAT PERIOD THROUGH WHICH QUEBEC WAS NOW PASSING WAS ANALOGOUS TO KERENSKY GOVERNMENT IN RUSSIA, AND PERIOD IN GERMANY BEFORE HITLER. HE CLAIMED NEW GOVERNMENT WAS ALREADY BEGINNING TO COLLECT BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON QUEBECKERS OF NON-FRENCH ORIGIN, AND THAT HE WAS THEREFORE ADVISING HIS NON-FRENCH EMPLOYEES, WHO DID NOT HAVE DEEP ROOTS IN QUEBEC, TO BEGIN TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR EMPLOYMENT. WHILE ANALOGY IS LABORED, COMMENTS ARE NEVERTHELESS INDICATIVE OF INTENSITY OF FEELING, AND FEAR, ELICITED BY PQ GOVERNMENT IN SOME QUARTERS OF QUEBEC SOCIETY.  
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